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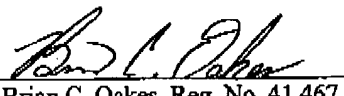
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Comments: Application No. 10/000,480) Filing Date: December 4, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1742 Inventors: Kazuo SAKAMOTO et al.) Dear Examiner Ip: Further to our conversation of today, attached is a copy of the International Search Report submitted in the paper filed August 1, 2002 (Request for Consideration of Documents Cited in International Search Report). Best regards,  Brian C. Oakes, Reg. No. 41,467			

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International application No. PCT/JP 01/ 03028	International filing date (day/month/year) 09/04/2001	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 07/04/2000
Applicant MAZDA MOTOR CORPORATION et al.		

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☒ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 C22F1/06 B22D17/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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